

The Pocahontas Times.

Hear, Land o' Cakes and brother Scots, If Maidenlink to Johnny Gracie, If there's a hole in a year coats, Frodo ye tent it; A clasp is among ye takin' notes, An' faith he'll print it. — Burns.

Local Events.

The Oddfellows banquet was given last Thursday night.

The iron bridge is being put in at Knapp's Creek crossing.

County Court met Saturday to discuss the question of roads.

A. M. McLaughlin, of Greenbrier, was in Pocahontas last week.

T. A. Sydenstricker, and wife were in Marlinton last Thursday.

Engine No. 51 has gone into passenger service instead of No. 98.

Richardson's hardware store west of the bridge is rapidly going up.

Miss Anna Hannah opened the West Marlinton school the 2nd of January.

Lloyd Swecker and Miss Annie Robinson were married at Huttonsville last week.

Major Hankins who has been sick in Washington has been pronounced out of danger.

Attorney McNeel has his office in the court house recently vacated by Attorney McLintie.

For first class watch repairing and artistic engraving go to H. E. Rader, Roncoverte, W. Va.

Lumber is on the premises for William Shearer's improvements on the lot adjoining Dr. Price's.

George McCollam has bought a lot in West Marlinton and expects to build and move on it at an early day.

The train failed to arrive last Saturday. The heavy rain had caused slides along the right of way.

The family of Rev. G. W. Nickell arrived in Marlinton Wednesday and are at Andrew Price's for the winter.

We learn from the Greenbrier Democrat that R. H. Catlett has located for the practice of law in Roncoverte.

J. A. Bedford and Richard T. Lewis, two civil engineers, were run over and killed at Davis by a locomotive.

Albert Gay, after a prolonged and eventual absence in the far West, is now in Pocahontas among relatives and friends.

Three sermons last Sunday, Rev. Bogle in the morning; Rev. Atkinson in the afternoon; and Rev. Nickell in the evening.

Does your watch need repairing? If so send it to H. E. Rader expert watchmaker, Jeweler and Engraver, Roncoverte, W. Va.

We will trade Organs or Pianos for white-oak, black-walnut, pine or poplar lumber. Brereton & Heydenreich, Staunton, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry, a newly arrived family, occupy T. S. McNeel's law office for their dwelling. One of their little children is very ill from exposure while moving from the valley.

Prof. J. M. Brereton, leader of the Stonevall band of Staunton, was in Marlinton Tuesday. While here he paid our office a pleasant and profitable call.

At the recent municipal elections Huttonsville and Elkins went dry. Elkins has been a dry town for some time but Huttonsville has tried saloons for a time.

It makes an old resident of Marlinton feel like he is in a strange place so numerous are the strangers that crowd the walks, the stores, the restaurants and the hotels.

We will take poultry on Tuesday and Wednesday next, Jan. 22 and 23. Heads, feet, and feathers off, undrawn. Do not feed for 24 hours before killing. — The Pocahontas Bargain House.

The Republican candidate for sheriff in Fayette County was declared defeated by the county court but an appeal to the Circuit Court showed such gross irregularities in the ballots in question that no judge could ignore them.

On nearly every counter in Marlinton there is a barrel of cider, apple, orange or peach. The merchants must have faith in the old Rockingham Dutch adage, "A pint of cider a day is good to keep doctors away."

A few cases of smallpox are breaking out again in this county on Droop Mountain, and a few cases are reported in the brush section of Edray district. Every one should be vaccinated who has not already rendered himself immune to the disease.

If the new tank keeps leaking until warm weather the citizens of Marlinton will be favored with the luxury of an ideal shower bath to cool them off and refresh them after the arduous toils of the long summer days.

Whooping cough has made its appearance in the families of Uriah Bird and Jeff Killingsworth, East Marlinton. There seems to be no danger of its spreading as the parents are carefully isolating their children.

Col. Wolfenberger and wife, of Indiana, are visiting in Pocahontas. Mrs. Wolfenberger is a sister of Lieut. Siple. Col. Wolfenberger is a native of Pocahontas but has not been here for thirty years or more. He was a member of the Greenbrier company under Stonewall Jackson and at one time was one of the two men to which the company was reduced.

DUNMORE.

We had a small flood Saturday. No damage done far as we know except one small bridge washed out between Dunmore and Green Bank.

We expect to see the overseer with his hand out and fix it up soon.

A. M. McLaughlin spent a few days in town.

A. F. Watson, of Pittsburg, spent a day in town.

Squire Jas. H. Bird has moved back on Thomas Creek.

We had one small knockout in town last week.

Squire Arbogast was among his friends here last week.

Owing to the illness of Auctioneer Swecker and the high water, A. M. Oliver's Sale was postponed until Saturday, January 19.

J. F. Patterson is not so well at present.

We are glad to know that Uriah Heyner is able to be out again.

Taylor Bros., Swecker, Moore and Noel have started a large ware house at the City of Ches for the West Virginia Spruce Lumber Co.

Prof. J. B. White is clerking in the big store at Cass. Mr. White is a fine clerk.

Charles Points Kerr spent part of last week in our town. He has sold his farm to Loop Bill Smith.

Loop Bill Smith traded off his mule team because it was a girl.

Amos Kelley has moved to the Loop farm.

Peter Dugan has finished the rail road bridge at Leather Bank. Peter is a fine stone mason.

J. Calvin Price, the big man from Clover Creek, was in town last week.

Rev. Henry McLaughlin preached to a large congregation at Cass last Sunday.

We understand that the County Court has fixed the road law so that we will have no roads worked to amount to anything this summer.

We voted for a road law like the one in Virginia, and that is to put the road in sections, sell them out, see that they are built according to specifications, and appoint a supervisor to see that they are rounded up and not made flat, so that they will not be full of mud and chuck holes.

We have a sample of flat roads between Huttonsville and Marlinton. We believe the \$1 tax to be unconstitutional. People will not pay double tax. We want to see able bodied men put in to look after the interest of the roads. Not men who never worked a day on the roads, or ones who work in the summer with kid gloves and arctic overcoats. We want men who are not afraid to take hold of a plow handle, pick, shovel, or mattock. We want to hear from others on the road question. Other States have road laws also roads and we can have them too.

MR. POOL.

The East Marlinton speedway from the historic corner trees to Bird's Hotel is one of the best of places for putting horses through their paces and there is no place where a horse appears to a better advantage near the court house.

Send your laundry to D. W. Proctor & Bro. agents Marlinton, W. Va. for Sweets Kanawha Steam Laundry, Charleston, W. Va. Basket sent out every Monday and returned Saturday. Satisfaction guaranteed.

One of the greatest feeders to the Greenbrier Division will be Highland County. Nearly the whole of this county will find its nearest depot on this road. Monday will be 25 miles from Travelers Repose where the junction will be and 46 from Staunton. Crab-bottom, one of the finest and most fertile sections in the county, will come to Travelers Repose to the depot.

A man fell into the water tank last week and was hurt. He was at work on the top of it and fell to the bottom bruising himself considerably. To add to his discomfort, no sooner had he landed and hurt himself because there was no water to break his fall, the water came pouring in from the pumps and came near drowning him.

Friday evening the sound of an explosion was heard and felt in Marlinton. It was learned afterwards that it was an explosion of dynamite at Falling Spring, 32 miles by the railway. A large boulder had fallen on the track and delayed the passenger train going down. Twenty-five sticks of dynamite were placed on top of the boulder and plastered over with mud. The stone was completely shattered and the train proceeded after a delay of 15 minutes.

The present winter is a very remarkable one for its mildness. We have had no snow this winter. Folks are getting a little uneasy about their supply of ice for next Summer. We have had more bright days than usually falls our lot. This is the mildest winter since 1892-3.

In printing letter headings now adays we frequently insert the words "Freight and Express Depot, Marlinton, W. Va." This we used to put in for Millboro, Roncoverte, Hot Springs, or Huttonsville. Customers that want to all four of these depots will now come to Marlinton for their goods.

J. H. Shelton, of Elk, left at this office specimens of the most singular looking plant the writer has ever seen. Its appearance to be appreciated must be seen and carefully examined for it beggars our powers of description such is the curious combination of resemblances it seems to consist of. To all intents and purposes it is a yucca-like plant that is new to the one that scribbled the paragraph. It was sent to Mr. Shelton from Kanawha and out there it is called ram's head and is a species of mosses flower of the more northern states and Canada. Its botanical name is cyrtopodium arifolium.

PULASKI CITY, VA.

Editor Pocahontas Times: Since reading the letter written by J. M. Price of Roncoverte, concerning an old Eli Terry Clock, I am reminded of one of the same kind made at my old home in Floyd County, Va., which was bought by my grandfather, George Bright back in the '20's, and has been in use about 75 years, and does not seem any the worse for the service.

As the early settlement of some parts of our country is receiving some attention of late, I will give a few items in regard to my great grandfather Bright, who moved from near Carlisle, Pennsylvania, to Greenbrier County, Virginia, soon after the end of the Revolutionary War. I think he settled near where Frankford now stands. He had sold his farm in Pennsylvania during the war and was paid in Continental money, which became worthless, so he had to seek a new locality. He raised the first wheat grown in that section of country. He sent one of his boys out on horseback to hunt for a sack of wheat for seed. After being out for about a week the boy returned with 1½ bushels, and that started wheat growing on the Greenbrier River. I would like to learn through The Times whether he has any descendants still living in Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties. If there are any, I will tell them more about George Bright—how he happened to leave home one month before he was twenty-one, &c.

NORMAN L. BOWERS.

Jan. 1, 1901.

MOSS POINT, MISS.

Dear Editor—Perhaps some of your readers would like to know something about this part of the globe, away down here, not among the hollows and hills, but a level, low, sandy country. With rivers, lakes and bayous on the north and the Gulf of Mexico bordering us on the south makes it a lovely country. Our soil is adapted to vegetable culture of every kind, and every now and then we find beautiful truck farms. Even now in mid winter we get cabbages, turnips, radishes, and, in fact, almost every thing else in the vegetable line. This Coast Country is especially adapted to sawmills and the timber industry. We have here in and around Moss Point twelve sawmills cutting from fifty to one hundred and fifty thousand feet of lumber each per day. These mills are supplied with logs from as far as two hundred miles up the river, and are our entire support. Thousands of dollars are paid out every month for logs, timber and labor, making Moss Point a place of considerable importance.

The weather indicates cold and snow up in the West Virginia hills as it is raining and getting chilly here. We never have much snow, only mud and water.

It will soon be time for the Pocahontas Times to reach me. They are pretty good "Times," and I wish for it many years of usefulness and success. With best wishes for my old friends, I close to come again if I am not swallowed up by the waste basket.

Truly yours,

M. A. MALCOMB.

Jan. 1, 1901.

DRIFTWOOD.

Plenty of mud. S. A. Meeks is very ill with pneumonia.

G. R. Geiger was looking after his interests here recently.

John Sheets and Ed Showalter were visiting in this part Saturday.

D. A. Tharp has closed his school. He taught a fine school and was liked by all.

Miss Bertie McLaughlin will close her school at Linnwood Wednesday. She will teach a second school near Green Bank.

James W. Tacy and Charles E. Wilfong left Sunday for Texas.

The meeting at this place is progressing nicely under Rev. McNeil.

DAISY BELL.

MILL POINT.

We have been having fine weather, beautiful days full of sun shine, but at present the atmosphere is heavy, and the prophets say that we are going to have rain and then snow.

R. B. Silva has returned from Cherry, where he has been buying timber. He brought with him the joyful tidings that the railroad is going to come down Stamping Creek.

Eldred McClure has been around getting signatures on a petition for the Mill Point post office.

Martin Boblett has said good-bye to West Virginia and gone to Indian Territory.

Mrs F. B. Rodgers is visiting her son, R. D. Silva.

C. B. Grimes has opened his school again.

While playing with some boys Red Grimes had the bad luck to get his nose nearly broken.

Henry Ross had the misfortune to lose a beautiful pony.

John Silva has been settling up for E. M. Arbogast.

MIDGET.

STIRING TIMES IN GREENBRIER

The stirring times referred to were when the Indians were trying to dispossess the pale faces of the fair valley of the Greenbrier. As is well known the Indians evinced a particular hatred and ferocity against settlers in this valley. There are two reasons given for it. One is that it was a favorite hunting place for the Indians who lived along the Ohio River. It is well known that there were no Indian villages here but the abundance of Indian mounds and stone relics to be found in this section it is certain that it was very much frequented by the Indians. At some places in Marlinton Indian arrowheads may be found in a freshly plowed field by the dozen after a rain.

Hazard's Pennsylvania Register gives another reason why the Indians evinced so much hostility against the Greenbrier settlements. Thomas King, an Iroquois Chief, related an incident at an Indian conference held at Easton, Pa., in 1758. He said that eight Seneca warriors were returning from a foray with seven prisoners. In the Greenbrier Valley they met a company of 250 white soldiers. The soldiers invited them to go with them to a certain store where provisions would be given them. Arrived there the whites attempted to take them prisoners and a fight ensued in which two Indians were killed and one taken prisoner. This gave great offense, the more so as the Indians were on the warrior's road and at peace with the white men.

We think there is a third reason why the Greenbrier Valley may have been a hazardous place for the early settler to build his home, and that is because the beaten path of the Indians on their journeys from the Ohio villages to the James River villages lay up and down the valley. Following the general direction of the New River the Indians entered the valley, in the Big Levels of Greenbrier and followed a path lying on the uplands in the general direction of the Greenbrier River, up as far as Marlinton, where they crossed just below the mouth of Knapps Creek, and followed the leading ridges, crossing over to the headwaters of the James. Any settlements of the whites on this main thoroughfare were likely to be discovered and attacked.

When a young Ohio Indian wanted the privilege of speaking in council the proper thing for him to do was to take a scout through the Greenbrier Valley and get a white scalp, and come back fully equipped to practice law.

The site of the town of Marlinton is the oldest title in all the region once included in Greenbrier County, and in making that survey old man Lewis got tangled in the greenbriers and gave the section and river its name.

The fine land around Lewisburg proved more attractive to early settlers, however, and that part of the original county retained the name when the other counties were taken off. By right Pocahontas County was entitled to the name of Greenbrier, but it did not settle up as fast as the region around Lewisburg and so lost the advantage of being that portion of Greenbrier which was first claimed and appropriated by white men.

In writing the history of Greenbrier the historian will be compelled to start with the hunter's camp at Marlin's bottom, and afterwards from the land surveyed and the grant of the 470 acres, known as the old Marlin Bottom Survey, in 1751. One of the corners of which is still marked by the two big oaks at the point of the hill, near the depot.

When Pocahontas came to be born it happened that she had a twin sister. Our county was to be named Alleghany, as being the highest in general altitude of all the counties of Virginia. But the engrossing clerk got the names mixed, and our county is Pocahontas, while the county of Alleghany, which has no special claims to that name, received the name intended for our county.

In 1778 the Shawnees started on the war path to avenge the death of their noted chief Cornstalk, who fell a victim to treachery on the part of the whites at Point Pleasant in 1774. They appeared in large numbers around the fort at Point Pleasant and succeeded in killing four men. In May they returned and besieged the garrison for one week, but were unable to take it. They drew off in the direction of the Greenbrier Settlements, and believing that their object was to attack the white people of the Greenbrier Valley, the commander of the fort sent out two men to warn Donnelly's fort, near Lewisburg. These men finding that the Indian army had broken up into numerous small hunting parties, and knowing that with the woods so full of Indians they could hardly escape detection

they returned. Volunteers were then called for, and Phillip Hammond responded. They were painted like Indians, and set out on their long journey. They passed the Indians at Meadow River and arrived at Fort Donnelly about sunset. Col. Donnelly gathered all the neighbors into the fort and sent word to Col. Stuart, at Lewisburg.

The Indians arrived next morning before daybreak and killed John Pritchett, who went out before daybreak for some fire wood. The Indians then ran to force open the door, but Phillip Hammond and Dick Pointer, a negro slave, were awake, and they kept them out with the aid of a hoghead of water. Suddenly they let the door fly open, and Hammond killed one Indian, and the rest gave way. It was then that the negro fired into the bunch with a musket heavily loaded with buckshot, and cleared the yard.

The Indians fought all day, but Col. Stuart arrived with 65 men, who entered the fort in safety. The Indians drew off after dark. They had killed four white men: John Pritchett, who was killed before the fight commenced; James Burns and Alexander Ochiltree, who tried to get into the fort early in the morning, and James Graham, who was shot through a loop hole in the fort. The Indians left seventeen dead in the yard and were known to have carried away others who were killed. The attacking party numbered over two hundred.

Among the dead Indians in the yard was one who was recognized as an Indian who had spent the previous summer in the Greenbrier settlements and was presumably a spy.

After the Indians had departed Captain Hamilton took seventy men and pursued them, but was unable to overtake them.

The next raid into the Greenbrier Valley was in 1780, and the scene in Pocahontas County, as described in this paper a few weeks since.

GREEN BANK.

We are having fine winter weather at this time; there has been no snow to amount to anything.

E. M. Arbogast was in town last week.

W. H. Hull has had some improvements done in his store which adds very much to the appearance.

Samuel Sheets, of Dunmore, our popular deputy sheriff, was in town last Saturday on business.

Clyde Beard, of Travelers Repose, was in town last Thursday.

N. B. Arbogast, says he is going to stop the sale of whiskey etc. at his town (Dunbar). We hope he will do that and then stop all in the district. We are glad there is one officer who will do his duty in the county and we hope all justices in the county will do the same and stop the curse, as we had some fruits of it in our quiet town last Saturday, but if every good, zealous person would do all in his power for the good of his fellow man to the same extent that the wicked are doing for the destruction of every good thing, it would not be but a short time until old Devil would pack his trunk and leave the county. So let every man who obeys the law of our land and the law of God come out and show his colors and put down the curse. Let us stand by our friend and help him in this grand work of doing good for our fellow man.

Some of the young sports in town thought to imitate the railroad graders and bought some powder and dug a hole in the hill. Pouring in powder they struck a match and oh! how it burnt their clothes and faces but no serious harm was done. Beware boys!

Benjamin M. Arbogast has been appointed post-master at Green Bank.

Porter Kerr says he can jump a ten rail fence: it's a girl come to board with him.

The public school in town will convene on the 21st. Miss Smith of Edray will wield the rod.

Robert Wolfenberger and wife, of Iowa, are visiting relatives and friends in this community at this time.

Renick Sutton and family left last week for Richmond, Va. where they will make there future home.

Mrs. POOL.

Prof. Rosa Tyler of Chicago, Vice-President Illinois Woman's Alliance, in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says: "I suffered from a severe cold this winter which threatened to run into pneumonia. I tried different remedies but none seemed to grow worse and the medicine upset my stomach. A friend advised me to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and I found it was pleasant to take and relieved me at once. I am now entirely recovered, saved a doctor's bill, time and suffering and I will never be without this splendid medicine again."

H. E. Echols, Marlinton, Barlow and Moore, Edray, Anne Barlow, Huttonsville; D. T. McNeil, suckeye.

NOTICE.

The stockholders of the Bank of Marlinton will meet in Marlinton, Wednesday, January 23, 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m. at their annual meeting, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors, for the ensuing year and transacting such other business as may come before them.

E. R. HUNTER, Cashier.

TO THE PUBLIC.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to us will please come forward and settle either by CASH or TRADE or NOTE by the 15th or 20th of this month, as we are compelled to make settlement in order to meet our bills.

S. J. Bogos & Co. Huttonsville, W. Va.

The Pocahontas Bank.

The Pocahontas Bank held its annual meeting last Thursday and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, George P. Moore; Vice President, C. E. Beard; Cashier, R. C. McCandish.

Directors:—Geo. P. Moore, L. M. McClinton, Alex. F. Mathews, Amos Barlow, C. E. Beard, John T. McGraw, Levi Gay, C. R. Durbin, R. W. Hill, W. A. Bratton, B. M. Yeager, Uriah Bird, T. A. Sydenstricker and J. W. Beard.

Mr. Editor—Will you please allow me space in your valuable paper, to correct a statement made in the same some time ago about me buying whiskey of C. D. Gillespie? I did not represent myself as a tie man. I wish it to be thoroughly understood that if I had had to tell Mr. Gillespie a falsehood to get the whiskey I never should have owned a drop of it.

R. E. L. DOYLE.

One of the recent advertising propositions the country editor gets is from Boston. It states that the advertiser has a few kittens which he will exchange for \$25 worth of space in newspapers at regular rates.

In the redistricting of the state Pocahontas will probably land in a Democratic Senatorial district composed of Braxton, Clay, Nicholas, Webster, Pocahontas and Pendleton Counties. This is to be the 10th district. The only other Democratic district will be the 15th in the eastern pan handle.

ELEGY ON THE DEATH OF A MAD DOG.

Good people all, of every sort, Give ear unto my song, And if you find it wondrous short, 'T cannot hold you long.

In Islington there was a man, Of whom the world might say, That still a godly race he ran, When e'er he went to pray.

A kind and gentle heart he had To comfort friends and foes: The naked every day he clad, When he put on his clothes.

And in that town a dog was found, As many dogs there be, Both mongrel, puppy, whelp and hound,

And cur of low degree.

The dog and man at first were friends But when a pique began, The dog to gain his private ends, Went mad, and bit the man.

Around from all the neighboring streets The wondering neighbors ran, And swore the dog had lost his wits, To bite so good a man.

The wound it seemed both sore and bad, And while they swore the dog was mad, They swore the man was a dier.

But soon a wonder came to light, That showed the rogues they lied: The man recovered from the bite, The dog it was that died.

GOLDSMITH.

A CALL.

The County School Book Board is hereby called to meet at Marlinton, W. Va. on Thursday, Jan. 31, 1901. As the adoption of new school books will come before the Board, a full attendance is requested.

JAMES A. WARWICK, JR., Co. Supt. of Schools.

NOTICE.

All parties having claims against the estate of W. A. Bussard are requested to present the same to me at the store of Hannah & Harper at Frost, W. Va. on or before Feb. 22, 1901. All notes and accounts must be proved according to law.

J. C. HARPER, Adm'r.

Farm for Sale.

I will sell my farm at Stoney Bottom of 186 acres about one-half improved. Good orchard, good dwelling, cellar, barn, mill store house and other buildings. Price low and terms easy. Apply or write to me.

JOHN A. GEIGER, Driftwood, W. Va.

Old People Made Young.

J. C. Sherman, the veteran editor of the Vermont (Mich.) Echo has discovered the remarkable secret of keeping old people young. For years he has availed himself of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, heart trouble, constipation and rheumatism by using Electric Bitters. He writes, "It can't be praised too highly. It gently stimulates the kidneys, tones the stomach and gives a splendid appetite. It has worked wonders for my wife and me. It's a marvelous remedy for old people's complaints." Only 50c.

Sold by Harry R. Echols, Marlinton; N. J. Brown, Mill Point; E. L. Beard & Co., Academy; S. F. Myles, Falling Springs, W. Va.

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